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March 17, 2003

Ms. Grace Chan  
Planning and Permitting Section Head  
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County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90607-4998

Dear Ms. Chan:

#### **FINDING OF CONFORMANCE--PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL EXPANSION**

On February 20, 2003, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force granted a Finding of Conformance for the proposed expansion of the Puente Hills Landfill. The Task Force reviewed the material presented for conformance with the Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 10 of the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element. The Siting Element requires that new and expansion of existing solid waste disposal facilities be consistent with the Siting Element. The California Integrated Waste Management Board approved the CIWMP on June 23, 1999.

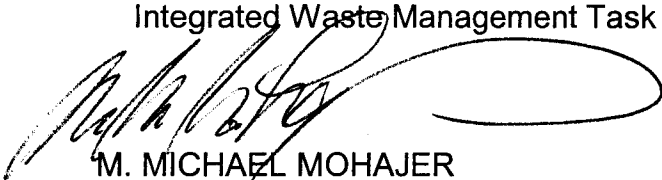
The enclosed FOC was approved on February 20, 2003, by a unanimous vote of nine members of the Task Force and one abstention. It is the opinion of the Task Force that granting this FOC will not impair or impede solid waste diversion activities in Los Angeles County.

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (626) 458-3500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. NOYES, Chairman  
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
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Assistant Deputy Director  
Environmental Programs Division

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cc: Department of Health Services (Virginia Maloles)  
Department of Regional Planning (Russel Fricano)  
California Integrated Waste Management Board (Linda Moulton-Patterson,  
Scott Walker)

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The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force has reviewed the proposal from Grace Chan, Planning and Permitting Section Head of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, to find the expansion of the Puente Hills Landfill in conformance with the Countywide Siting Element of the Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan.

The landfill is located at 2800 South Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, southeast of the intersection of the Pomona and San Gabriel River Freeways (Attachment A). The subject facility is an existing Class III solid waste landfill currently operating under Conditional Use Permit No. 92-250-(4) approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 30, 1994. The subject CUP will expire on October 31, 2003. The Sanitation Districts are proposing to continue operation of the facility through October 31, 2013, pursuant to a new CUP (CUP No. 02-027-(4)) granted by the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission on December 18, 2002 (Attachment B).

A Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse 2000041066) for the project was prepared by the Sanitation Districts and certified on January 23, 2002, by its Board of Directors acting as the lead agency for the project. The Notice of determination for the FEIR was filed and posted with the County Clerk from January 23, 2002, to February 22, 2002 (Attachment C).

Under the terms of the CUP (CUP No. 02-027-(4)), the Landfill can receive solid waste for disposal at a maximum daily rate of 13,200 tons per day, six working days per week. The proposed fill plan as depicted in Exhibit "A" of the CUP primarily involves a vertical expansion over the existing waste placement areas and a small (12-acre) lateral expansion. The proposed fill design would have a final elevation of 1,148 feet above mean sea level in the Main Canyon area and 1,075 feet above MSL in the Eastern Canyons area as shown in Exhibit "A" of the CUP. Also, the proposed project includes the continuation of the existing waste diversion and recovery programs, the construction and maintenance of necessary environmental control systems, such as groundwater protection and monitoring systems, gas control systems, and drainage structures.

The Task Force has reviewed the said request utilizing the guidelines specified in Chapter 10 of the Countywide Siting Element, dated June 1997. The Task Force finds that the proposal is consistent with the goals and policies of the Countywide Siting Element and its Siting Criteria (see Attachment D). The Task Force grants a revised FOC, which replaces all FOC's previously granted by the Task Force to the Puente Hills Landfill, subject to the following conditions:

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**Conditions**

1. Permitted Operations/Activities—This FOC is limited to landfilling and other waste management operations as stipulated in the Findings and Conditions of CUP No. 02-027-(4), granted by the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission on December 18, 2002 (Attachment B).
2. Types of Waste Materials—The waste materials to be landfilled at the subject site shall be limited to solid waste as defined in CUP 02-027-(4), Condition No. 1(v), and as specified in the WDRs adopted on November 1, 1993, by the CRWQCB--Los Angeles Region, Board Order 93-070 (File 57-220), as amended on September 26, 1994, and as may be amended. Hazardous, liquid, designated, radioactive, and medical wastes are prohibited.
3. Waste Quantities—The materials received at the facility shall be subject to the following:
  - a. Subject to the requirements of CUP 02-027-(4), Condition No. 58, daily maximum tonnage of solid waste disposed at the site shall be limited to 13,200 tons on any given day, six working days per week. Residual waste received from the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility shall be included in this amount.
  - b. Except as otherwise provided in CUP 02-027-(4), Condition 14, the amount of materials received for beneficial use shall not exceed 33,000 tons per week (an average of 5,550 tons per day).
4. Hours of Operation—The hours of operation for solid waste disposal at the site shall be from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Landfill shall be closed to the public on Sundays.
5. Limits of Fill—Excavations, horizontal boundaries, minimum, and maximum elevations (contours) shall be limited to those established in Condition 25 and Exhibit "A" of CUP 02-027-(4), granted by the County of Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission on December 18, 2002. The waste fill shall be developed in substantial conformance with Exhibit "A" of CUP 02-027-(4) and shall have a final elevation not to exceed 1,148 feet above MSL in the Main Canyon area and 1,075 feet above MSL in the Eastern Canyons area, all consistent with the final contours shown in Exhibit "A."

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6. Term—This FOC supersedes all FOCs previously granted by the Task Force regarding the subject Landfill. The FOC will expire on October 31, 2013, or upon completion of the fill design, or at an earlier date as determined by the Task Force, whichever occurs first.

This FOC is subject to reconsideration concurrent with the SWFP five-year review process, or at an earlier date as determined by the Task Force.

7. Regulatory Compliance—The owner/operator must comply with all requirements of the Federal, State, County, and local regulatory agencies.
8. Waste Load Checking—The owner/operator is to implement a Waste Load-Checking Program as approved by the Local Enforcement Agency and submit a copy of this approved program to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, California 91802-1460, within ten working days of issuance of the SWFP.
9. Litter Control—The owner/operator shall implement the Litter Control and Tarping Program as stipulated in Attachment E.
10. Seismic Monitoring—The facility owner/operator shall comply with the following seismic monitoring requirements:
  - a. Continue to maintain an accelerometer onsite to measure seismic ground motions. A set of as-built plans signed and sealed by a California Registered Civil Engineer shall be provided to the LEA and the Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.
  - b. Following a major seismic ground motion of magnitude 5.0 or greater, as recorded by the closest ground-motion monitoring device as maintained by the California Division of Mines and Geology, thoroughly survey the landfill for primary and secondary surface expressions of seismic activity (such as surface ruptures, landslides, change in spring flows, liquefaction, etc.). Submit a damage assessment report on the results of the survey to Public Works, Environmental Programs Division and the LEA for review. The assessment report needs to describe and discuss all features, including damage to the site and infrastructure caused by the earthquake and measures that will be taken to mitigate the impact.

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11. Waste Characterizations—On a semi-annual basis, the owner/operator shall conduct waste characterizations of the incoming waste stream over a one-week period during the months of March and September, and submit the results in the attached Monitoring and Reporting Form (Attachment F). The results shall be submitted together with the reports due April 30 and October 31 of each year (see Condition 12 below).
12. Reports—The owner/operator shall submit monthly reports on a quarterly basis within 30 days of the end of the quarter to the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 1460, Alhambra, California 91802-1460. The report shall contain the following information for each month of the reporting period:
  - a. Type and quantity of waste (weight) received at the facility for processing, recycling, and disposal.
  - b. Waste source and quantity identified by weight and/or volume for each jurisdiction of origin, including each city within the County of Los Angeles, unincorporated area of the County, and any jurisdiction outside the County of Los Angeles. The information should include sufficient data to assist jurisdictions in their efforts to comply with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) requirements as enforced by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.
  - c. Quantity of recovered recyclable materials, including tires and green waste, if any, by weight and/or volume, and final destination of recovered materials.
  - d. The information shall be provided in the format approved by the Task Force as shown in Attachment F, and/or as may be updated by the Task Force.
  - e. Quantity of household hazardous waste and electronic waste, if any, recovered from the waste stream, and final destination of recorded materials.
  - f. The first quarterly report is for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2003, and is due by July 31, 2003.
- b. Remaining landfill disposal capacity by weight (tons) and volume (cubic yards).

Failure to comply with these reporting requirements shall be considered as a cause for revocation of this FOC.

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The intent of this condition is to not duplicate those reporting requirements specified by CUP 02-027-(4).

13. Change in Ownership—In the event of any change in operator or control of ownership of the facility by the Sanitation Districts, the applicant must:
- a. Notify the Task Force, in writing, of such change within ten calendar days; and
  - b. Notify the succeeding owner and operator by letter, a copy of which shall be filed with the Task Force, of the existence of this FOC.

The FOC is not intended to be, nor does it confer on this facility, a guarantee that the tonnage contained in the Finding will be available.

This Finding was approved on February 20, 2003, by a unanimous vote of those members present when the vote was taken.

*for* *Carla Ruy C.*  
JAMES A. NOYES, Chairman  
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
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